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Adventures in Oslo

The second and third year contemporary dance students from BCDC travelled to Oslo, Norway to work on a piece titled Bomb Voyage by Zsuzsa Rósavölgyi. The piece was made in collaboration with dance students from KHiO, Oslo National Academy of the Arts. We arrived on Saturday 16th of May. We settled into the accommodation.

The following day it was 17th of May, which is the constitution day of Norway. There were parades and most people were dressed in the national costume, which were beautiful. We visited the castle where the royal family waves to the public.

During the week we started the day with a dance class. It was either ballet or contemporary. Afterwards we would rehearse. The students from Oslo visited our school the week before and we had already started the work, so we were finishing the piece and rehearsing the quality. The piece consisted of fixed material that we created based on Zsuzsa's instructions. We would do these materials in a structure on floor patterns.

After the rehearsals we had time to get to know the city. One memorable afternoon was on Wednesday, when I went to visit Sognsvann and Svartkulp lakes. I went there by myself and it was a nice way to get some distance from the other more intense activities. Back home I sometimes like to visit similar places, so there was a sense of familiarity. Another memorable thing was a casual sharing event, Come as you are, hosted by the students from the contemporary dance department from KHiO. There was some space to dance together and they were sharing some things they had recently been working on in this less formal setting. I got the sense that the event was serving the people attending it. It was coming from the community and giving back to itself.

On Saturday the whole day was free. We went Island hopping off the coast, ie. we took ferries to different islands off the coast. The views were impressive. I also collected some seaglass from the beach for the first time in my life. On one of the islands there were goats. We had a nice picnic, where we tried brown cheese, which is popular in Norway. There were a lot of things to see.



Goats at Hovedøya